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SUBJ: EXILE LAWYER EUGENION VELASCO, CHILEAN

1. VELASCO TESTIFIED BEFORE UNHRC WORKING GROUP TWO WEEKS AGO. HIS PLANS WERE TO RETURN TO VENEZUELA AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT HE IS NOW IN CARACAS. ACCORDING TO SECT ACCURATE ITINERARIES OF WITNESSES WERE DIFFICULT TO SECURE BECAUSE MOST WERE FEARFUL OF BEING FOLLOWED AND POSSIBLY ASSASSINATED SO THEY DIVULGED VERY LITTLE ABOUT THEIR TRAVEL ARRANGMENTS.

2. VELASCO'S DAUGHTER WHO LIVES IN U.S. IS REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO VISIT HER FATHER IN VENEZUELA IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. VELASCO HAS BEEN OFFERED PROFESSORSHIP AT ONE OF THE UNIVERSITIES IN CALIFORNIA BUT AS YET HAS NOT ACCEPTED POST.

4. WORKING GROUP COMPLETES ITS WORK SEPT 10, FOLLOWING SOMETIMES STORMY SESSIONS BETWEEN BENITES AND SECRETARIAT.

5. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL OF SECRETARIAT STAFF, TESTIMONY BY WITNESSES WAS EXTREMELY DAMAGING AND MAKES THE CASE AGAINST CHILE STRONGER THAN ANYTHING IN THE PAST. CATTO

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